
By: **Carroll County Senators**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - County Roads - Funding and Construction**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll
4 County to designate by ordinance certain county roads or segments of roads for
5 construction by the county with a portion of the costs to be paid by certain
6 property owners; providing that an ordinance may not be adopted under this Act
7 until after a public hearing; requiring certain notice prior to a hearing under
8 this Act; establishing certain requirements for an ordinance adopted under this
9 Act; requiring the County Commissioners to maintain a record of the costs
10 related to the road construction, including costs related to the acquisition of land
11 or easements; authorizing the County Commissioners to require repayment of
12 certain costs under certain circumstances; authorizing the County
13 Commissioners to establish a repayment schedule to allow a property owner to
14 repay certain costs over a certain period of time; and generally relating to the
15 funding and construction by Carroll County of certain roads in the county and
16 the repayment of the county's costs by certain property owners.

17 BY adding to
18 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
19 Section 10-401 and 10-402 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Road
20 Segment Designation, Construction, and Repayment"
21 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
22 (2000 Edition and October 2002 Supplement, as amended)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

26 SUBTITLE 4. ROAD SEGMENT DESIGNATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND REPAYMENT.

27 10-401.

28 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO
29 DESIGNATE A COUNTY ROAD OR A SEGMENT OF A COUNTY ROAD FOR

1 CONSTRUCTION BY THE COUNTY WITH A PORTION OF THE COSTS TO BE PAID BY
2 EACH OWNER OF PROPERTY OVER WHICH THE ROAD OR SEGMENT OF ROAD IS
3 DESIGNATED AT THE TIME OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY.

4 10-402.

5 (A) (1) AN ORDINANCE THAT DESIGNATES A ROAD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
6 MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ONLY AFTER A PUBLIC
7 HEARING.

8 (2) NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE PROVIDED BY:

9 (I) NOTICE PUBLISHED IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF
10 GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE
11 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE HEARING;

12 (II) MAIL TO EACH OWNER OF RECORD OF PROPERTY, OVER WHICH
13 THE ROAD OR SEGMENT OF ROAD TO BE DESIGNATED IS LOCATED, AT THE ADDRESS
14 LISTED IN THE TAX RECORDS OF CARROLL COUNTY; AND

15 (III) NOTICE POSTED ON PROPERTY OVER WHICH THE ROAD OR
16 SEGMENT OF ROAD TO BE DESIGNATED IS LOCATED.

17 (B) THE ORDINANCE SHALL SPECIFY THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION SUBJECT
18 TO REPAYMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (C) (1) AFTER ADOPTION OF A ROAD DESIGNATION ORDINANCE, THE
20 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL INCORPORATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD
21 SO DESIGNATED INTO THE 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE
22 COUNTY.

23 (2) THE COUNTY SHALL MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS OF THE COSTS
24 OF CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS OR TITLE TO THE
25 PROPERTY, ENGINEERING COSTS, AND IMPROVEMENTS.

26 (D) (1) AT THE TIME OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A ROAD OR
27 SEGMENT OF A ROAD IS DESIGNATED, EACH PROPERTY OWNER SHALL PAY TO THE
28 COUNTY A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE REASONABLE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION,
29 AS DETERMINED BY A FORMULA SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE.

30 (2) IF A PROPERTY OWNER, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, DEDICATES
31 TITLE TO PROPERTY OR AN EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE
32 CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESIGNATED ROAD OR SEGMENT, THE PROPERTY OWNER IS
33 ENTITLED TO A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE
34 DEDICATION TO OFFSET THE REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS
35 SUBSECTION OR AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE.

36 (3) THE COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH A
37 PROPERTY OWNER TO ALLOW FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION TO
38 BE REPAYED OVER A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 5 YEARS.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2004.